

COMMON COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

October 1, 2018

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shelbyville, Indiana, was held in the Common Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, October 1, 2018, at 7:01 P.M. Councilwoman Bowen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Carmony followed that with a prayer. All Council members were present, and Mayor DeBaun presided.

Councilman Wright moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting, and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under miscellaneous business, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the City's financial reports, and Councilman Asher seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Before going to old business, Mayor DeBaun asked former City Attorney and current Circuit Court Judge Trent Meltzer to come forward. The Mayor presented Trent with a plaque honoring him for serving as City Attorney from November 30, 2010 until August 30, 2018. After receiving a well-deserved round of applause, Trent said it was an honor to serve as City Attorney, and he enjoyed working with the City very much.

Under old business, on Ordinance No. 18-2841, Councilman Nolley moved to approve the salaries in 2019 for City employees, on second and final reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 18-2842, Councilwoman Bowen moved to approve the 2019 budget on second and final reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 6-1 voice vote on second and final reading, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no.

On Ordinance No. 18-2843, Councilman Asher moved to approve the salaries of elected officials for 2019 on second and final reading, and Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote on second and final reading.

On Ordinance No. 18-2845, Councilman Asher moved to rezone 4.417 acres for Timber Creek Village from a BN classification to an IS classification, on second and final reading. Councilman Phares seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under new business, on Resolution No. 2018-14, Councilman Nolley moved to approve tax abatement for Indiana Precision Forge ("IPF"), and Councilwoman Bowen seconded. Under discussion, Councilman Nolley said the Tax Abatement Committee met earlier today with IPF counsel, noting that \$2,423,500.00 will be purchased on manufacturing equipment, and 15 additional jobs will be created. The Committee moved to recommend approval of IPF's tax abatement request to the full Council. The motion was carried on a 6-1 voice vote, with Councilman Ridgeway voting no.

On Resolution No. 2018-16, additional appropriations for the General Fund, MVH, Parks, and LOIT-Public Safety Police were requested. Councilman Phares moved to approve the requests, and Councilman Wright seconded. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

On Ordinance No. 18-2846, a request was made to rezone 3.454 acres east of Hubler Chevrolet, at 1414 E. St. Rd. 44, from a BH classification to an IL classification. Councilman Nolley moved to approve the request on first reading, and Councilman Asher seconded. Under discussion, Tony Nicholson, project engineer from Space and Sites, came forward to describe the property that is requesting to be rezoned. Mayor DeBaun said if this is approved, it will go before the Plan Commission for a hearing, and then it would come back to the City Council with their recommendation. The motion was carried on a 7-0 voice vote.

Under other business, Mayor DeBaun asked Julia Hamblen to come forward. He said Julia has won a statewide award with 4-H, so he asked her to come tonight to explain the award, and present the speech that she gave. Julia said she is a junior at Shelbyville High School, and talked about all of her experiences showing animals over the years. She said she wanted to do more projects, so one of them was public speaking. She said she had a severe speech disorder ever

since she was three years old, so she took speech therapy from preschool up through seventh grade, trying to fix her stutter. In high school, she gained more confidence when she became an officer, and got involved with other school programs. She said she won the district and came in fourth in the state in FSSA in her first venture into public speaking. She then went on to 4-H public speaking and was given a task of addressing issues, and how they can be fixed. While other contestants at the State Fair focused on countryside issues such as the growing suicide rate, hunger, etc., she was the only one who focused on just their city. She focused on vacant and abandoned buildings in Shelbyville, address why it's an issue, how it's affecting our City's crime rate and City's image, how can the issue be fixed, and what steps have been done in the past year to start fixing the issue. She won Grand Champion at the State Fair, and she is going to Chicago for the achievement trip in November, with an all-expense paid trip for all of the grand champion winners. Julia gave a slide presentation of her story on the City's vacant and abandoned buildings, saying she met with many officials to get her information and showed pictures of abandoned and vacant buildings in Shelbyville, finding out that crime occurs at many of those locations because of the widespread use of drugs. It was an enlightening display of what's happening and what is being done to resolve this difficult dilemma. Mayor DeBaun thanked Julia for coming tonight to speak about her project, for taking the time to face this issue head on, and try tackling it. She received a well round of applause from all in the audience.

Under comments or requests from citizens, Councilman Ridgeway said he knew a Councilman was upset about his town hall meeting in the prelim meeting, but he said his town halls are special, they get results, and they get solutions. He said when he brings something up about being negative, he'll bring a solution, and it's not his job to be a cheerleader for the City all the time. He said his town halls are a public venue for the people, and if someone is offended because of what is said there, then they need to come there and state that in public, and not hide behind the room to state it.

Mayor DeBaun said the Knauf family and Knauf Insulation will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this Friday, October 5, on the Public Square, from 4 to 9:00 P.M. He said it's going to be a pretty big event, so he wanted to invite everyone to attend.

There being no further business, Councilman Wright moved to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Frank M. Zerr
Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas DeBaun
Mayor

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